

A HURRICANE OF FIRE.

Train Load of Naphtha Explodes at Sheraden, Penn.

Twenty-One Persons Killed and 300 Injured.

A LOSS OF \$600,000.

Blaze Traveled a Mile and a Half by Water.

Many Rendered Unconscious by Fumes and Heat.

Fifty of the Hurt Are Expected to Die.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—The Sheraden yard of the Panhandle railroad was the scene last evening of the most disastrous explosion and fire known in this section for many years.

Twenty-one are dead and not less than 200 others injured as the result of the accident. Of the 300 injured the physicians say at least 50 will die.

At 7:30 o'clock this morning nine bodies were at the Pittsburgh morgue and five at the Carnegie morgue. The last body was brought in at 5 o'clock this morning. A list of the dead follows:

THE DEAD.

JAMES KERNAN, aged 29, single, Carnegie; clerk on wreck train, died at Mercy hospital.

CHARLES HEARTIG, aged 13, Chestnut mines, Pa., died at Mercy hospital.

W. W. TAYLOR, aged 37, brakeman, Miller's station, Ohio, died at Mercy hospital.

HARRY F. SMITH, aged 20, Unionville, O., level man on Panhandle railroad, single, died at Mercy hospital.

FINNERTY, Sisterville, W. Va., aged 40, died at Mercy hospital.

G. E. HUNTER, married, aged 28, five children, freight conductor, Sheraden, killed at wreck, body taken to McDermott's undertaking rooms, Carnegie.

WALTER E. WRIGHT, aged 26, Sheraden, killed at wreck, taken to McDermott's undertaking rooms.

DALLAS M. BYRD, fireman, aged 28, Sheraden, killed at wreck, taken to McDermott's undertaking rooms, Carnegie.

PASCAL MAHER, 28 years old, section foreman, Carnegie, killed at wreck, taken to Allegheny general hospital.

UNKNOWN BOY, badly burned, taken to Allegheny hospital, died in short time.

DONALD SMITH, aged 10, Sheraden, son of Jerome Smith, train dispatcher, badly burned, died at Allegheny general hospital.

GEORGE WILSON, aged 25, messenger, Sheraden, badly burned, died at Allegheny general hospital.

M. MARION, beamster, aged 23, single, 25 Chestnut avenue, McKees Rocks, died at Homeopathic hospital.

JOHN SWAN, brakeman, aged 30 years, Allegheny, died at Allegheny hospital.

ALBERT MCKEAN, aged 22, brakeman, died at Allegheny hospital.

HUGH FLAHERTY, aged 60, TONLEY, laborer, aged 20, LEBWIS, burned to death on the track.

UNKNOWN BOY, found in potato field on farm of J. H. Douglas, burned to death on hill overlooking scene of explosion.

UNKNOWN WOMAN, burned to death on hill overlooking scene of explosion.

LAWRENCE KEENAN, clerk, Carnegie, died at Allegheny hospital.

Most of the dead have not been reported to the coronator and a correct list cannot be compiled at this time.

THE INJURED.

Carl Edling, aged 19, single, works for Western Union Telegraph company, lived at Tipton, Tenn., badly burned over body, little hope for him entered; at Homeopathic hospital.

John Gallagher, 22, Allegheny, burned badly about body; in great agony at Mercy hospital.

David Mackay, aged 22, Mrs. Richard Lane, Allegheny; critical condition.

Wm. Henderson of Elliot Borough, works for Carnegie, burned at Allegheny hospital.

Hugh Henderson, letter carrier, burned about face and right side.

Henry Hollenbeck, burned all over body, condition serious.

Charles Keenan, 17, burned all over body.

John Renner, barber, of Bradstock, burned about face and hands.

John Gallagher, 22, Elliot Borough, hands and arms burned.

J. J. Wallace, 28, of Tasavusky, Suite 12, 3, Haines of Bridgeville.

David Lacey, Pittsburgh.

W. H. Enosh, 41, condition precarious.

Frank Doer, Sheraden, burned all over body, condition serious.

Harry Herkabeck, Elliot Borough.

Charles Renner, 20, Bradstock; condition serious.

James Callahan of Elliot.

Ravel Aber, 20, Italian, Carson street.

John Hovsen, Carnegie, married.

Edward P. Ballinger, 30, Canton, O., not injured.

Conrad Fick, 40, Cecil, face and legs badly burned, serious.

Mrs. Margaret Morrison, about 40, Sheraden.

Frank Morrison, 22, Sheraden.

James Wall, 12, Sheraden.

Patrick Allen, Sheraden, brakeman, badly burned about head.

Clyde Grinnage, 23, burned about face, arms and body, serious.

A. P. Wenden, 25.

Those injured and taken to their homes follow:

OUTSIDE OF HOSPITALS.

W. C. Sauer, the architect of Allegheny.

Harry Jones, 18, Allegheny.

Mildred Browne, 30, Sheraden.

Robert Henry, 20, Allegheny, burned.

Charles Crozier, 40, Sheraden.

E. W. Campbell, Sheraden.

Will Sunderman, 14, Elliot.

Henry Miller, 14.

Robert Davis, 17, Elliot, seriously burned about body.

John Davis, 19, Elliot, severe; thought to have inhaled fumes.

George Seibert, Elliot.

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Richard Smith, 20, Allegheny, burned, bruised and suffering from shock, may die.

Jacob Seifinger, 30, Sheraden.

John Woods, 16, Elliot.

Capt. Lantz, 35, Elliot.

John W. Boyd.

William Simpson.

Louis Amst.

Patrick Gallagher, driver.

Wm. Hiehoff.

William Moore, No. 19, home company, burned about face and head, slight.

Mrs. Adam Sauer, Cora's Run.

John Hovsen, Cora's Run.

Mildred Brough, aged 14, Cora's Run.

George Stusser, 13, Epen.

John Schaffer, 15, Allegheny.

Herbert Gruber, 15, Epen.

Amos Dimick, 30, Allegheny.

Mrs. Wm. Douglas, 25, Epen, serious.

Hiram Duggs, Epen.

James Clark, 20, Pittsburgh.

M. V. Douthett, 50, McKees Rocks.

J. J. Walker, 35, body literally roasted, condition serious.

Wm. Bracker, 25, Allegheny.

Wm. Lamm, switchman, 40, Allegheny, serious.

John C. 23, Elliot.

Martha Naughton, Sheraden.

Bridget Seymour, 58, Cora's Run.

Mrs. John Smith, 38, Sheraden.

Matthew Moreland, 25, McKees Rocks, will probably die.

John Cowley, South side.

pany. The southern division of the Pittsburgh company, moreover, sent out a number of cars, loaded with blankets and other necessities for the injured, and these were lined up both on the Sheraden road and the McKees Rocks road, and the unfortunate ones were carried to them.

Despite the fact that the rain came pouring down all morning, thousands went to the scene to witness the disaster. The Sheraden yards lie between two hills. Lined up on these hills are thousands watching the crews of the wreck train work. Passenger trains are gliding by the wreck quickly since the new of the gas main became known in this city. Two cars lie on the siding covered with clothing picked up during the night. The majority of this is charred rags.

It is a common sight in Sheraden today to see people with their head and hands bandaged, on the porches, the streets and at their doors.

Many were burned whose names have not yet appeared, and while they are not seriously hurt they are suffering from heat or less.

Regarding the big main beneath the burning wreckage, it is feared that the intense heat from the fire will get down to the pipes of the fire in not long. If the concussion has not caused any breaks it is feared that the reason that the officials are so anxious to get the main out is because they are afraid the flames will subside. The freight in the debris is a complete loss.

THE INVESTIGATION.

Superintendent of the Panhandle Railroad company, was asked this morning regarding his theory for the cause of the explosion. He replied that he did not know.

The cause of the explosion, he said, was caused by the place where the leaking naphtha caught from a switch lamp or the fire of one of the engines. They hold that the naphtha did not come in direct contact with a light, but that fumes arising from it would catch from a light, even if it were high above where the naphtha flowed. Instead of burning upward, the ignited fumes would follow the column down to the base of the lamp, where it would catch.

Then the combustion would become complete. Mr. McCarthy said he would inquire into the matter thoroughly and would announce his finding and decision in a few days.

WORSE EXPLOSION IS FEARED.

Pittsburg, May 12.—The officials of the Panhandle road fear a worse explosion than the first one, which occurred here last night. A danger line has been established 500 yards on all sides of the burning wreckage and the railroad waves from the McKees Rocks to the city back. A few feet below the burning wreckage the big 28-inch main of the Philadelphia company, which runs from the McKees Rocks to the western portion of the state and which supplies the McKees Rocks and lower Allegheny districts with natural gas, is exposed.

It is feared that the concussion was so great yesterday that some of the joints, or even the pipe itself, might be broken. The gas, which is under great pressure, will soon force its way through and another terrific explosion will follow.

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TALE OF TEAR.

Sixteen Hundred Persons Perish in St. Vincent

Since Recent Volcanic Disturbance Began.

FLEEING FROM DANGER

Thousands of Refugees Taken From Coast of Martinique.

Bank of St. Pierre Transferred Its Funds in Time.

Castles, Island of St. Lucia, May 12.—

Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., that 1,600 persons have perished there since the Soufriere volcano has been in eruption. St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 12.—Ad-

vice received here from the Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., forwarded on Sunday last, announce that 700 deaths had occurred since the eruption of the volcano, which is still slightly active.

The Danish cruiser Valkyrien has taken on board 500 refugees from the north and northeast coasts of the Island of Martinique.

The French cruiser Suchet has rescued 2,000 persons from Martinique and the French cable repair steamer Puyouy has saved numbers of the sufferers from the volcanic outbreak there.

All the rescued persons have been taken to Fort de France, Martinique, and only one man, rescued from the jail at St. Pierre when that town was overwhelmed by the flow of lava from Mt. Pelée.

The stretch from the unburied corpses at St. Pierre is still almost intolerable, according to advices received here and the death toll continues to rise.

It is reported at St. Thomas that the French Bank at St. Pierre transferred its funds and books to the Suchet before the eruption.

ALL THAT WERE SAVED.

Paris, May 12.—An official dispatch received by the minister for the colonies, M. Deval, today says that the French cable repair steamer Puyouy, which was on the coast of St. Pierre, was saved by the French cable repair steamer Puyouy.

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